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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/997,582
Applicants: Donald F. Albert et al.
Filed: November 29, 2001
Title: Insulated Barriers and Methods for Producing Same
Attorney Docket: AAC/2

Dear Examiner Chang:

I enclose courtesy copies of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, references cited therein, and a Certification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that will be filed in connection with the above-identified case tomorrow, April 1, 2003 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

I also enclose a copy of PTO Form 1449 originally filed on February 27, 2002 with the initial

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Information Disclosure Statement. We have been informed that this form cannot be located in the USPTO. A replacement copy will be formally filed in the USPTO tomorrow, April 1, 2003.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Applicant(s) : Donald F. Albert et al.
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTFAX RECEIVED
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants
through their representatives, make of record the following
documents:

United States Patents

Patentee	Patent No.	Issue Date
Tantam	3,913,776	October 21, 1975
Cornell	4,079,729	March 21, 1978
Andrews	4,635,042	January 6, 1987
Meyer, IV et al.	5,642,776	July 1, 1997

Sautner et al. 6,168,040 B1 January 2, 2001

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Country	Publication No.	Publication Date
Europe	EP 0 261 033 A	March 23, 1988
Germany	DE 197 08 729 A	October 1, 1998
Germany	DE 198 40 640 A	March 16, 2000

A copy of each of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (in duplicate), is enclosed herewith.

The documents listed above were recently cited in an International Search Report which issued in the counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the International Search Report is attached.

This Statement is being filed before the issuance of an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Accordingly, no payment of fees is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, in the event that the first Office Action on the merits has been issued, this Statement

is accompanied by a certification as required under
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) and therefore no fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request that these
documents be (1) considered by the Examiner prior to issuance
of any patent from this application; and (2) printed on any
patent that may issue from this application. Applicants also
request that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, as
considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with
the next communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the documents listed in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were cited in the February 28, 2003 International Search Report of International Application No. PCT/US01/44632 -- the Patent Cooperation Treaty counterpart of the present application.

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That communication was mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith.

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